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## *Dedication*

We, the Class of 1958, wish to show our appreciation to Mr. A. H. Habets for giving so generously of his time and skill in taking pictures for our annual. We have called on him many times this year to take special pictures when the photographer failed us.

This he did gladly, interrupting his busy day to come over to the school at our call. Besides taking special annual pictures, he again took, as in years past, all the advertising and church pictures for the annual.

He makes no charge for his work, and develops and prints excellent pictures. We are not the only class that has benefited from him, but we have relied on him most.

Thank you, Mr. Habets.





SUPERINTENDENT DEAN LINDAHL

In a short while you, the Class of 1958, will venture forward into the world. No doubt some of you may rise to great heights of leadership, perhaps in science, in government, or in service . . . service to your God, to your community and to your country. All along the way you will be confronted with obstacles. It will take courage of the lasting kind. Many start. Few finish. Map out your life with a sense of direction, but with no thought of obstacles. Let nothing stand between you and your goal.

Our history has recorded the successes of men with objective and a sense of direction. Oblivion is for the small men overwhelmed by obstacles.

H. G. Wells once pointed out that "wealth, notoriety, place and power are no measure of success whatever. The only true measure of success is the ratio between what we might have done and what we might have been on the one hand, and the thing we have made of ourselves on the other."

*Dean M. Lindahl*

# Faculty



DONALD CRUMPACKER  
B.A., English



MRS. DAVISON  
Twirling



WAYNE DAVISON  
Band



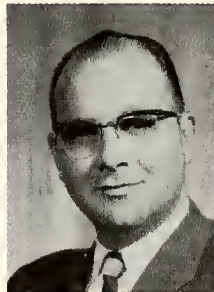
KENNETH KAY  
B.A.  
Commercial



NORMAN ROBERTSON  
B.A., Physical Ed



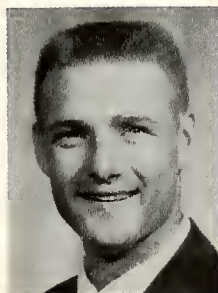
MARY O'NEIL  
B.S., Home Ec  
Second Semester



SUPT. DEAN LINDAHL  
B.A., M.A.  
Education



MRS. ANDY HAMMER  
B.S., Home Ec  
First Semester



RAYMOND WADSWORTH  
B.S., Chemistry  
Math



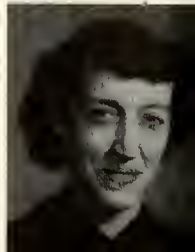
RALPH KROON  
B.S., Industrial Arts

CARL ORR  
Custodian

DORA MONROE  
Secretary



MRS. J. A. TIDYMAN  
B.A., Spanish







VALIER HIGH SCHOOL

## *Northern Lights*

JANET SLEZAK  
 BERNARD CHRISTIAENS  
 SANDY SNORTLAND  
 MRS. J. A. TIDYMAN  
 CLARENCE JOHNSON  
 ANN KAY  
 JANET SLEZAK

MARY WHEELER  
 NONA LAUFFER  
 SANDY SNORTLAND  
 RONNY LINDSETH  
 SANDRA HABETS  
 JACKIE HEIMBIGNER  
 MAURICE TRAFELET  
 BILLY JANNUSCH  
 NORA JOY OSTERMAN  
 CAROL MILLER  
 WAYNE AGEE  
 YVONNE DeSMET  
 JESSE KIBBEE  
 JERRY HAYNES  
 JIMMY SHEBLE  
 BERNARD CHRISTIAENS  
 BOB FOURSTAR  
 JACKIE TAYLOR  
 YVONNE DeSMET  
 NORA JOY OSTERMAN  
 PHIL MILLER  
 STAATS STUDIO  
 A. H. HABETS  
 BILLY TIDYMAN  
 TONY WIDHALM

Editor  
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 Business Manager  
 Sponsor  
 Opening and Closing Pages, Sophomores  
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 Parties, Dances and Juniors  
 Freshmen, Commencement  
 7th and 8th Grade  
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 Junior High Page, Industrial Arts Club  
 F.H.A., Carnival  
 Pep Club, Snapshots  
 Science Club  
 Honor Society, Honor Roll  
 Sports, Advertising Soliciting  
 Sports  
 Sports  
 7-Block Ranch, Seniors  
 Spring Awards  
 Class Will, Class Prophecy  
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CAROL MILLER

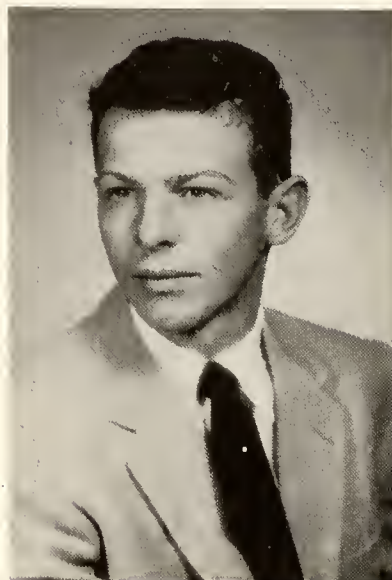
Transfer from Jerome, Idaho; Pep Club 3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Science Club 3; Band 3,4; Play 4, Student Director 3; P. E. Assistant 3,4; The Panther 3,4.



JACQUELINE HEIMBIGNER

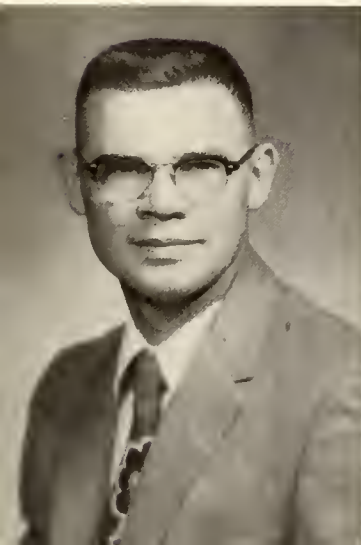
Transfer from Valley, Washington; Pep Club 4; Play 4; Twirling 4; The Panther 4.

# Class of 1958



PHIL MILLER

FFA 1,2, Secretary 2; Student Council 1; Football 4; Honor Society 2; Basketball 3,4; Science Club 3; Camera Club 1; Plays 3,4; The Panther 1-4; Chorus 1.



GERALD HAYNES

FFA 1,2; Football 2-4; Play 3; Basketball 3,4; "V" Club 3,4; IA Club 4; Chorus 3.



MARY WHEELER

FHA 1-4, Secretary 2, Delegate 3; Pep Club 1-4, Parl. 4; Class Secretary 3,4; Twirler 3; Band 1-3; Tumbler 1; Chorus 2; Plays 3,4; The Panther 1-4.



MAURICE TRAFELET

FFA 1,2; IA Club 4.



ANN KAY

Transfer from Willow Creek, Mont.;  
Pep Club 2-4, Secretary 2; Student  
Council 2; Honor Society 2-4, Presi-  
dent 3; Band 2-4; Science Club 3;  
Chorus 2,3; Valatones 3; Plays 3,4;  
Feature Band 2; State Music Meet  
2-4; Heisey Award 2; American  
Legion Essay 3; The Panther 2-4.

JANET SLEZAK

Girls' State 3; Student Council Vice  
President 3; The Panther 1-4, Edi-  
tor 3; Chorus 2; Plays 3,4; FHA 1-4,  
Reporter 4; Pep Club 1-4, Vice Presi-  
dent 4; Honor Society 2-4, Secretary  
3; MIEA Delegate 4; Annual Editor 4.



ANNONA LAUFFER

FHA 1-4, Secretary 2, Vice Presi-  
dent 3; Pep Club 1-4, Treasurer 3;  
Queen Candidate 1; Tumbling 1;  
Cheerleader 4; Band 1-3; Chorus  
1-3; Play 3; Girls' State Alt. 3;  
FHA delegate 3; Honor Society 3,4;  
State Music Meet 2,3; Heisey Award 3.

WILLIAM JANNUSCH

Class Vice President 1; FFA 1,2;  
The Panther 1-4; Pep Club 1,3;  
Basketball 2,4; Track 4; IA Club 4.





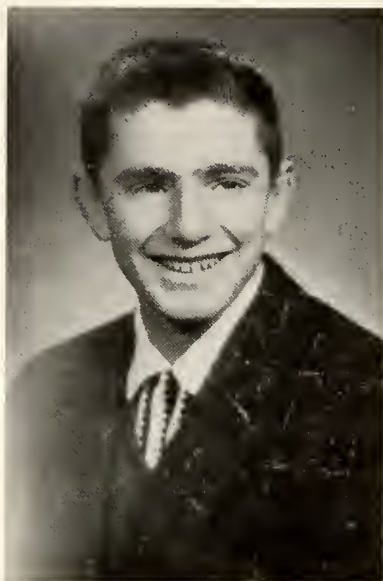
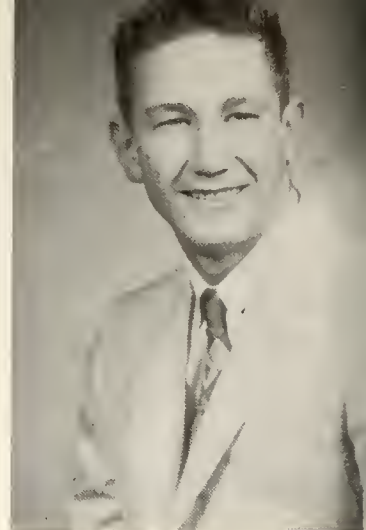


YVONNE DESMET

FHA 1-4, Song Leader 4, Delegate 3; Pep Club 1-4; Class Secretary 1; Peanut Queen 3; Carnival Queen Candidate 4; Plays 3, 4; Girls' State 3; Chorus 1; Honor Society 2-4, Vice President 3; The Panther 1-4.

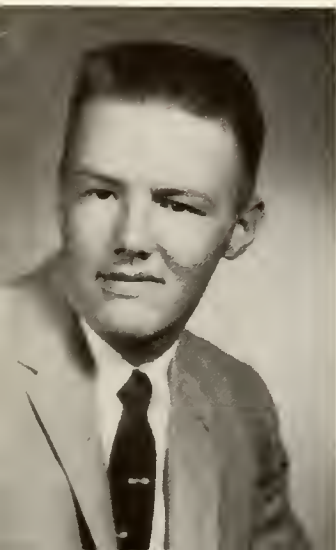
WAYNE AGEE

FFA 1, 2; Track 3, 4; Football 4; "V" Club 4; Play 4; IA Club 4; Heisey Award 3.



WILLIAM TIDYMAN

Band 1-4; Chorus 1-3; Track 3, 4; "V" Club 3, 4; Plays 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Football 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Feature Band 2; State Music Meet 2-4; Science Club 3; Band Club President 4; The Panther 1-4.

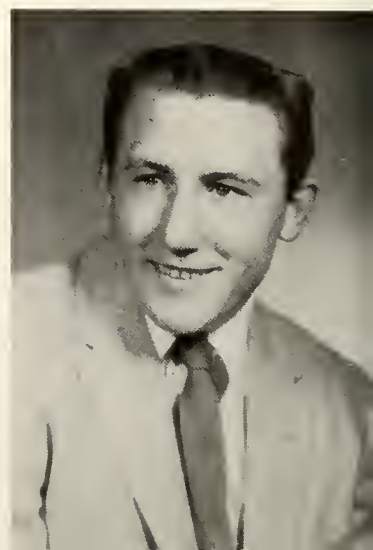


JAMES SHEBLE

Football 2-4, Captain 4; Basketball 2-4; Chorus 2; IA Club 4, President 4; "V" Club 4, Vice President 4; Play 4; FFA 1, 2, National Convention 3; Track 3, 4.

JESSE KIBBEE

Football 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Track 1-4; "V" Club 3, 4; IA Club 4; Class President 3; Chorus 2, 3; Play 4; State Track Meet 2.





BERNARD CHRISTIAENS

Class President 4; FFA 1, 2, Reporter 2; Heisey Award 2; Band 3, 4; Chorus 1-3; Boys' State 3; Honor Society 2-4, Vice President 3, President 4; Annual Co-Editor 4; The Panther 1-4; Panther Paw 2; State Science Fair 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3; Plays 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4.

ANTHONY WIDHALM

Panther Paw 1, 2; Plays 3, 4; The Panther 1-4; FFA 1, 2; Librarian 4.



JACQUELINE TAYLOR

Transfer from Baker, Mont.; Class Vice President 2; Chorus 2; Pep Club 2-4, President 4; Science Club 3; The Panther 2-4, Editor 4; Plays 3, 4; Girls' State Alt. 3; FHA 2-4, Reporter 3; Annual Art Editor 4; MIEA Delegate 4.

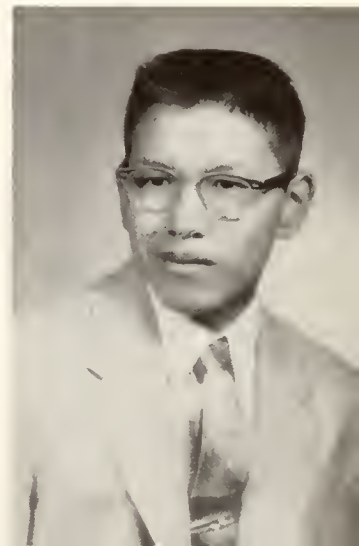


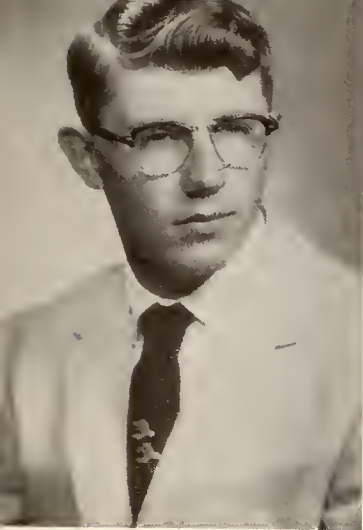
NORA JOY OSTERMAN

FHA 1-4, Historian 3, Treasurer 4; Class President 2; Panther Paw 1, 2; Carnival Queen Candidate 2; Chorus 1-3; Plays 3, 4; Twirling 3; The Panther 1-4; Pep Club 1-4.

ROBERT FOURSTAR

Transfer from Frazer, Mont.; Basketball 2-4; Football 2, 3; Boys' State Alt. 3; IA Club 4.





CLARENCE JOHNSON

FFA 1,2; Football 3,4; Basketball 4; "V" Club 3,4; Track 2-4; Student Council President 4; Boys' State Alt. 3; Plays 3,4; Class Vice President 3; Librarian 4.



RONALD LINDSETH

FFA 1,2; Football Manager 2; Track 3,4; The Panther 1-4; Plays 3,4; Librarian 4.



SANDRA HABETS

FHA 1-4, Vice President 4; Pep Club 1-4; Chorus 1,2; Twirlers 1-3; Plays 3,4; Carnival Queen 3; The Panther 1-4.



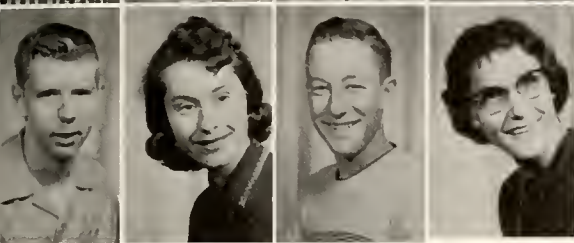
SANDRA SNORTLAND

Band and Chorus 2; Twirling 1-4, Head Majorette 4; Panther Paw 1,2, President 2; Science Club 3,4, Secretary 4, State Science Fair 3; Plays 2-4; Pep Club 1-4, President 3; FHA 1-4, Chapter President 4, District President 3, State Officer 3, State Convention 2,3, National Convention Chicago 3; Honor Society 4; The Panther 1-4; Northern Lights Business Manager 4.





JOHN ELINGS  
JULIE CHRISTIAENS  
LARRY STOLTZ  
MONA NORSBY  
HARLAN DENBOER



JOHN HAMMER  
PATTY JO MORRIS  
MICKEY STEPHEN  
MYRNA BRUNER



LLOYD WENTWORTH  
ARLA KRATTIGER  
FRANK WENZEL



JEAN SNORTLAND  
ROGER MOON

## *Juniors*

### LATE ARRIVING SOPHOMORES



GRETCHEN BENNETT

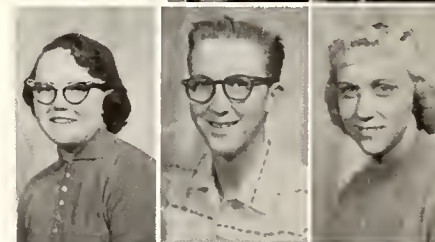


CHARLOTTE WIDHALM

RODNEY GUY  
LORRAINE INGEBRIGTSON



RITA HOLM  
JACK URNESS  
JOYCE VANDENBOS



PATTY BILLS  
DARYLE SWANSON  
KARON SPEER  
SYLVIA JOHNSON

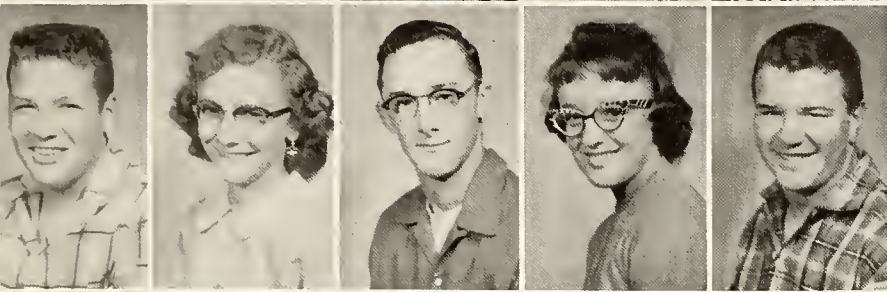


ELLEN NIVENS  
WAYNE SAND  
GAY NIVENS  
JUNIOR KUKA  
PATTY YEAGER





Helen Habets  
Jack Stokes  
Connie Munyon  
Carol Miller  
Eddie Monroe  
Eva Trafelet



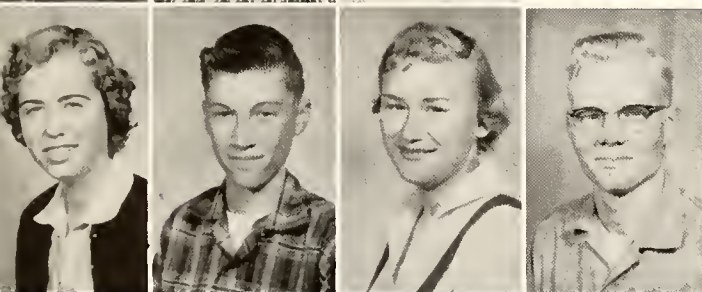
Bob Gillette  
Rita Widhalm  
Joe Widhalm  
Gloria Moon  
Joe Christiaens



Donna Wenzel  
Dean Gillette  
Becky Billips  
Scott Holden



Shirley Mauws  
Jerry Slezak  
Marie King



Denise Powers  
Larry Lindseth  
Peggy VanDeKop  
Alfred VandenBos



Larry Christiaens  
Clarice Swanson  
Lester Graham  
Patsy Brophy  
Lloyd Barron

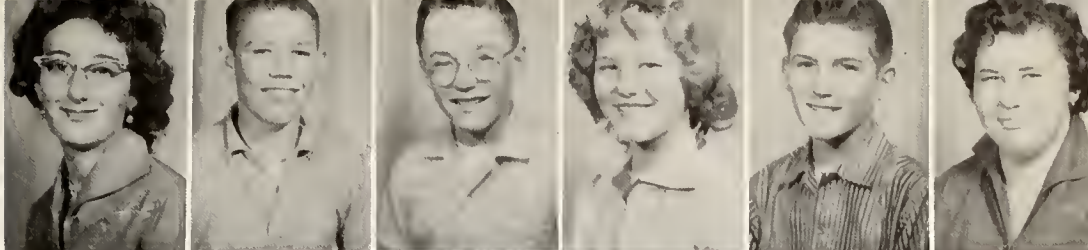


Alice Monroe  
Bob Brophy  
Pam Pheiffer  
Jim Brown  
Theresa Widhalm  
Ronny Jones

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Iva Orr  
 Jerry Peters  
 Don Speer  
 Donna Orr  
 Russel Hall  
 Sharon Agee



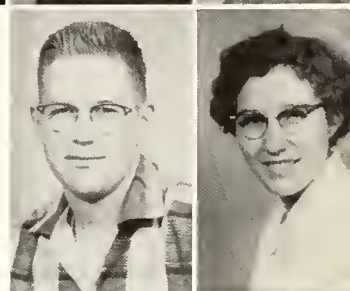
Don Snortland  
 Ruth Van Den Bos  
 Jim Christiaens  
 Janice Stoltz  
 Permillia Karlsgodt



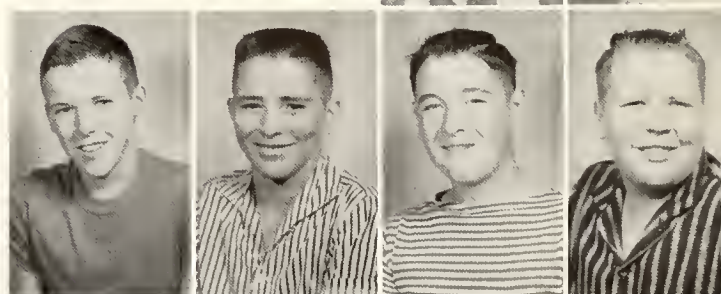
Francey Johnson  
 Allan Jannusch  
 Crystal VandeKop  
 Charles Christiaens



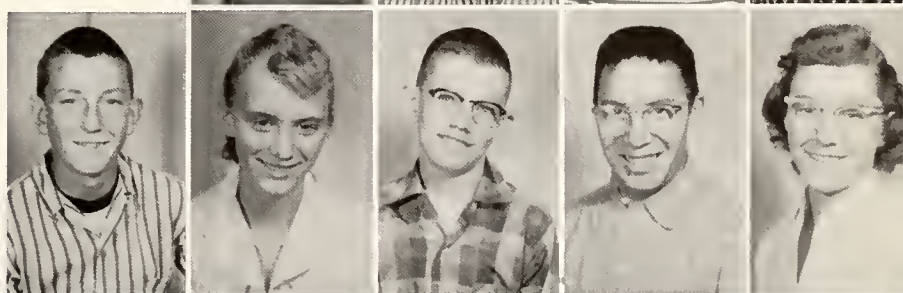
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 Bonnie Jo Robbins



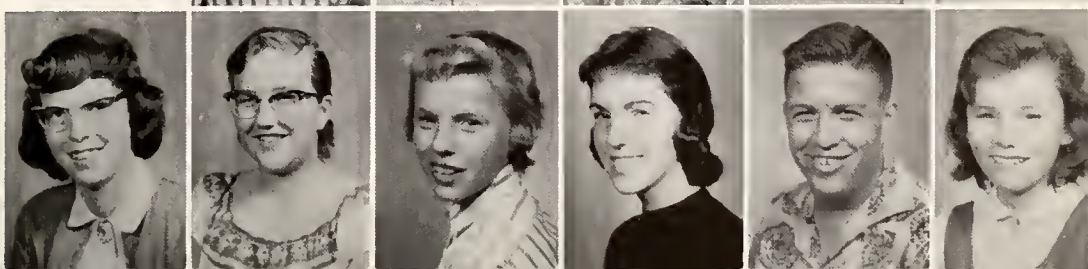
Tommy Shephard  
 Laurie Nelson  
 Keith Gillette  
 Kenny Gillette



Bill Marcum  
 Patsy Kovatch  
 Jerry Brophy  
 Warren Archdale  
 Sharon Mandell



Judy Leet  
 Janet Stokes  
 Anita Barron  
 Rita Morris  
 Bill Miller  
 Linda Norsby



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# The Higher We Climb

## Seventh Grade



Lowell Carlson  
Lynelle Hall  
Marcia Ihnen  
Terry Ihnen  
Melvin King  
Anna Marcum



Robert McGrew  
Evelyn Monroe  
Jerry Parker  
Guy Robbins  
Howard Sand  
Sherry Sheble



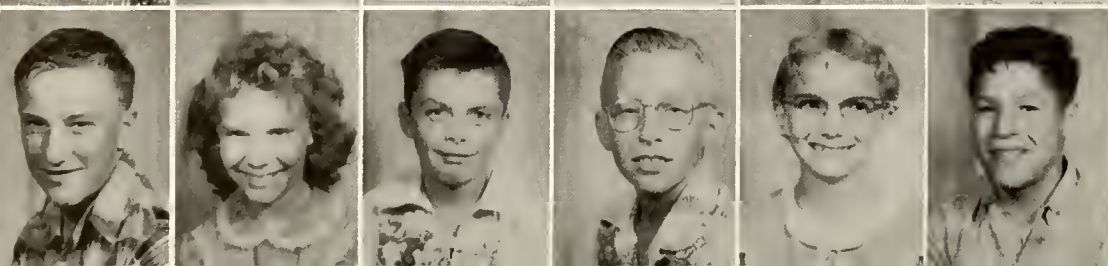
Shirleane Hartwell  
Agatha Christiaens  
Mrs. Bare



Albert Vanden Bos  
Donald Vanden Bos  
Marguerite Brophy



Sue Farrington  
Elizabeth Harris  
Marcia Johnson  
William Majerus  
James Stephen  
Sharon Van Auker



William Stokes  
Nila Struss  
Arther Toren  
Alan Wheeler  
Esther Widhalm  
Billy Kuka

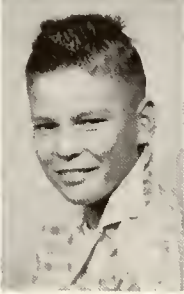
# The Broader the View

## Eighth Grade

Doris Widhalm  
Claire Widhalm  
Wilmer Kennedy  
David Harris  
Linda Hartsell  
Donna Wheeler



Tom Marcum  
Doug Henneman  
Jim Briden  
Ralph Sand  
Lee Swank  
Darlene Swanson



Phyllis Ingebrigtsen



Mr. Miller



Roxanne VanDe Kop



Judy Gossard  
Faye Henneman  
Pat Brophy  
Bill Norsby  
Dennis Hammer  
Everett King



Linda Mollerston  
David Slezak  
Billy Peterson  
David Widhalm  
Chuck Schneider  
Arthur Widhalm





# Junior High Basketball



Back row, left to right: Bill Peterson, Tom Marcum, Pat Brophy, Charles Schneider, Jim Briden, Bill Kuka, Billy Stokes, Everet King, Douglas Hennemen. Front row: Art Widhalm, Bob McGrew, David Widhalm, Terry Ihnen, Jim Steven, Dennis Hammer, Bill Norsby, Manager, David Slezak.

Heart Butte - - - -50	Valier - 34	Sunburst - - - - - 42	Valier - 34
Shelby - - - - - 30	Valier - 18	Conrad - - - - - 15	Valier - 24
Conrad - - - - - 32	Valier - 20	St. Williams Shelby - - - 29	Valier - 34
Brady - - - - - 11	Valier - 28	Ledger - - - - - 13	Valier - 33
Dupuyer - - - - - 20	Valier - 31		

Fight, Team, Fight!



Phyliss Ingebrigtsen,  
Lee Swank, Cindy  
Swanson, and  
Darlene Swanson.





Back row, left to right: Jimmy Nelson, Mark Bennet, Bill Majerus, Lawrence Keeler, David Osterman, Glenn Neyenhuis, Ed Wheeler, Sue Farrington, Marcia Otthouse, Jerry Parker, Ricky White, Peter Martin, Allan Wheeler, Billy Christiaens, Marla Chausse, Doris Widhalm, Gail Wentworth, Janice Torske, Genise Bonnet, Donna Wheeler.

## *Grade School Band*



## *Grade School Twirlers*

Standing, left to right: Evelyn Monroe, Margurette Brophy, Marcia Johnson, Faye Hennemen, Judy Gossard, Sharon Van Auken, Roxanne Van De Kop, Sherry Sheble, Betty Harris, Kathy Shepard, Carol Chatline, La Loni Ingebrigtsen, Diana Yeager. Kneeling: Marcia Ihnen, Agatha Christiaens, Patty Boucher, Linn Bowman, Linda Leet, Trudy Sanson, Anita Burgess, Connie Hegdall, Lora Wheller, Linda Parker, Anna Marcum.

## *Student Council*



President Clarence Johnson, Carol Miller, Frank Wenzel, Superintendent; Dean Lindahl, Sponsor; and Judy Leet.

The Student Council successfully directed the Harvest Festival and made plans for awarding the district sportsmanship trophy for basketball teams.

## *Librarians at Work*



Left to right: Tony Widhalm, Bill Jannusch, Phil Miller, Ronny Lindseth, Joe Widhalm, Patty Yeager, Karen Speer, Clarence Johnson, Theresa Widhalm, and Rita Widhalm.





Sputnik III in the Making

Left to right: Bernard Christiaens, Junior Kuka, Jack Urness, Janet Slezak, Nona Lauffer, Myrna Bruner, and Mr. Wadsworth.

#### Biology Students Reconstruct a Cat Skeleton

Left to right: Bob Gillette, Ronny Jones, Joe Christiaens, Carol Miller, Becky Billips, Shirley Maus, Marie King, Denise Powers, Helen Habets, Mr. Robertson, Bob Brophy, and Larry Lindseth.



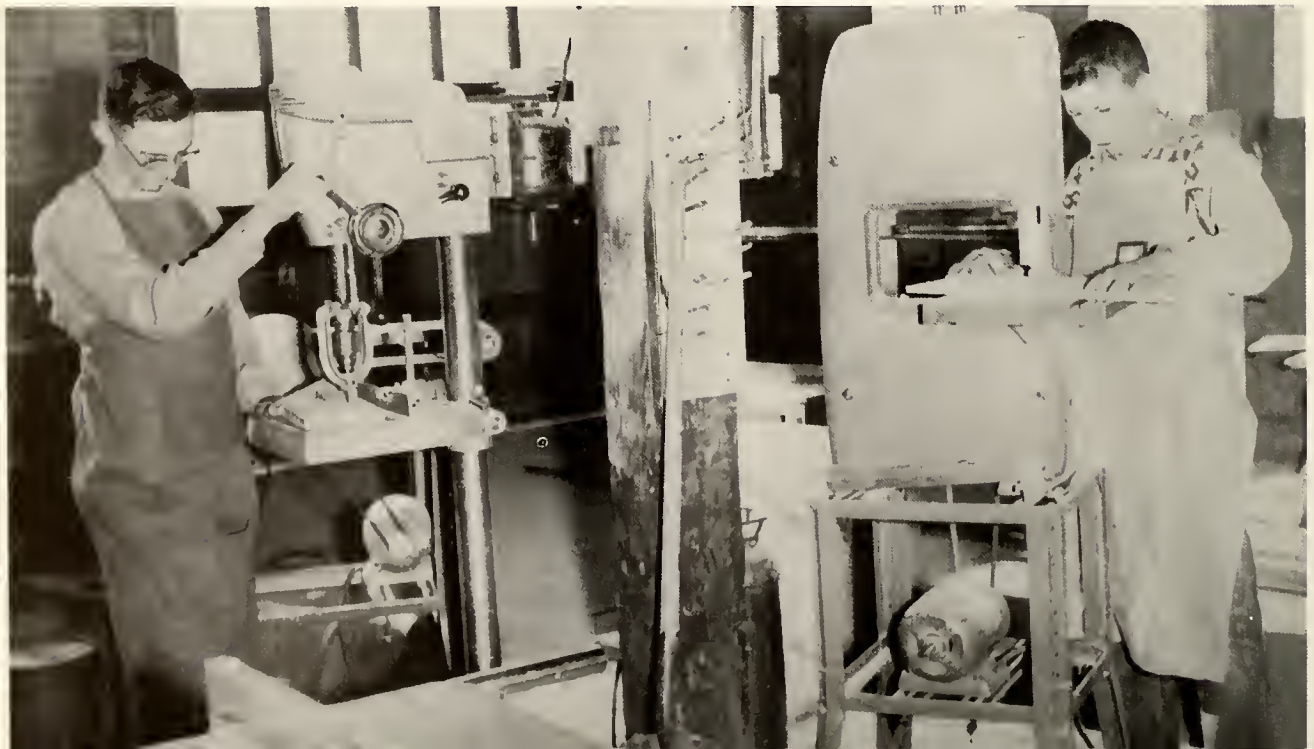




Left to right: Charles Christiaens uses the power table saw while Scott Holden sands and Jerry Slezak uses the power planer.

The freshman and sophomore I. A. boys work on their project with the new shop equipment.

Joe Widhalm bores a hole with the new drill press while Jerry Peters cuts a board for his table with the band saw.





Shop Boys fix the stairs to the basement

Instructor Ralph Kroon directs Dean Gillette in the correct way of pouring cement while Frank Wenzel and Larry Christiaens wait to tamp it in.

#### Driver Training Troubles

Mr. Wadsworth instructs Iva Orr and Sharon Mandell how to change a flat tire while Judy Leet, Janice Stoltz and Rita Morris watch from the car window.







### TYPING I

"Get ready, get set, go!"

First row: Lloyd Wentworth, Karen Speer, Tony Widhalm, Wayne Agee. Second row: Lorraine Ingebrigtsen, Patty Yeager, Arla Krattiger, Maurice Trafelet. Third row: Jeanie Snortland, Teacher, Mr. Kay.



### PLANE GEOMETRY

Bob Brophy demonstrates tangents from an external point with the help of Mr. Wadsworth.



### HOME ECONOMICS I MAKES ROLLS

Left to right: Janet Stokes, Mrs. Hammer, Patsy Kovatch, Linda Norsby, Francey Johnson, Donna Orr, Crystal VanDe Kop, Anita Barron, Bonnie Jo Robbins, Ruth Ann Van Den Bos, Rita Morris, Sharron Agee, Janice Stoltz, and Permilla Karlsgodt.



# *Come and Get It*



Left to right: Anita Barron, Yvonne DeSmet, Ellen Nivens, Nora Joy Osterman, Mrs. Henry Kuka, and Mrs. Reed Ihnen, the directors.

The menu for today was homemade buns, lima beans, carrot sticks, fruit, and milk. Those enjoying this delicious meal are, left to right: David Harris, Arthur Widhalm, Donna Wheeler, Linda Swank, and Cindy Swanson.





First row: Wilmer Kennedy, Russell Hall, Student Director Julie Christiaens, Jim Stephen, Douglas Henneman. Second row: Carol Miller, Sylvia Johnson, Ann Kay, Bernard Christiaens, Bonnie Joe Robbins, Donnie Speer, Janice Stoltz, Donnie Snortland, Billy Peterson, Kenny Gillette. Third row: Clarice Swanson, Director Mr. Davidson, Patty Jo Morris, Darlene Swanson, Jim Christiaens, Laurie Nelson, Pat Brophy, Eva Trafelet, Jim Briden, Bill Tidyman.

## *Music Makes the World Go Round*

### THE VALATONES

Sylvia Johnson, Ann Kay, Pattie Bills, Patty Jo Morris, Clarice Swanson, Jeanie Snortland, Mrs. Davidson.







Flashing baton and flag artists perform

Flag twirlers - left to right: Rita Morris, Gay Nivens, Sharon Mandell, Judy Leet, Permilla Karlsgodt, Ruth VandenBos.

Baton Twirlers - left to right: Jackie Heimbigner, Gloria Moon, Marie King, Sandra Snortland, Patsy Brophy, Peggy VanDeKop, Carol Miller.



Advisor and Instructor,  
MRS. WAYNE DAVISON



Head Majorette  
SANDRA SNORTLAND

# Homemakers of Tomorrow



Back row, left to right: Gay Nivens, Jean Snortland, Patti Jo Morris, Patti Bills, Becky Billips, Ruth Vanden Bos, Permilla Karlsgodt, Gloria Moon. Second row: Shirley Mauws, Marie King, Clarice Swanson, Arla Krattiger, Lorraine Ingbrigtson, Janice Stoltz, Eva Trafelet, Rita Morris, Sharon Agee, Mary Wheeler. Third row: Anita Barron, Jackie Taylor, Peggy VanDe Kop, Alice Monroe, Donna Wenzel, Joyce Vanden Bos, Myrna Bruner, Nona Lauffer, Pam Pheiffer. Bottom row: Yvonne DeSmet, Janet Slezak, Nora Osterman, Sandra Habets, Sandy Snortland, Sylvia Johnson, Julie Christiaens, Patsy Brophy, Carol Miller.



Secretary  
SYLVIA JOHNSON



Treasurer  
NORA OSTERMAN



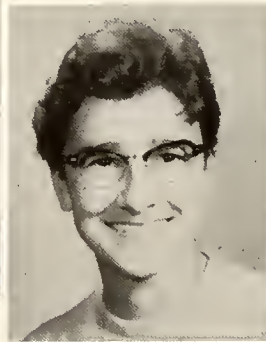
Song Leader  
YVONNE DESMET



Parliamentarian  
CAROL MILLER



President  
SANDY SNORTLAND



Vice President  
SANDRA HABETS



Historian  
JULIE CHRISTIAENS



Reporter  
JANET SLEZAK



Parliamentarian  
PATSY BROPHY

*F.H.A.  
Officers*



# *On Valier High*



## PEP CLUB

In the bus, left to right: Peggy VanDeKop, Nona Lauffer, Marie King, Lorraine Ingebrigtsen, Gay Nivens, Ellen Nivens, Rita Holm, Mona Norsby, Gloria Moon, Patsy Brophy, Shirley Mauws, Alice Monroe, Eva Trafelet, Carol Miller, Ruth VanDenBos, Permilla Karlsgodt, Clarice Swanson, Carol Miller, Arla Krattiger. Standing: Mrs. Hammer (Sponsor), Janice Stoltz, Sharon Agee, Linda Norsby, Patsy Kovatch, Ann Kay, Crystal VanDeKop, Sandra Snortland, Nora Joy Osterman, Sharon Mandell, Yvonne DeSmet, Judy Leet, Julie Christiaens, Sylvia Johnson, Mary Wheeler, Pamela Pfeiffer, Jackie Heimbigner, Joyce VanDenBos, Jean Snortland, Jackie Taylor (President), Janet Slezak. Kneeling: Mr. Lindahl, Frances Johnson, Janet Stokes, Iva Orr, Anita Barron, Donna Orr.

## *Purple and White, Fight Fight*



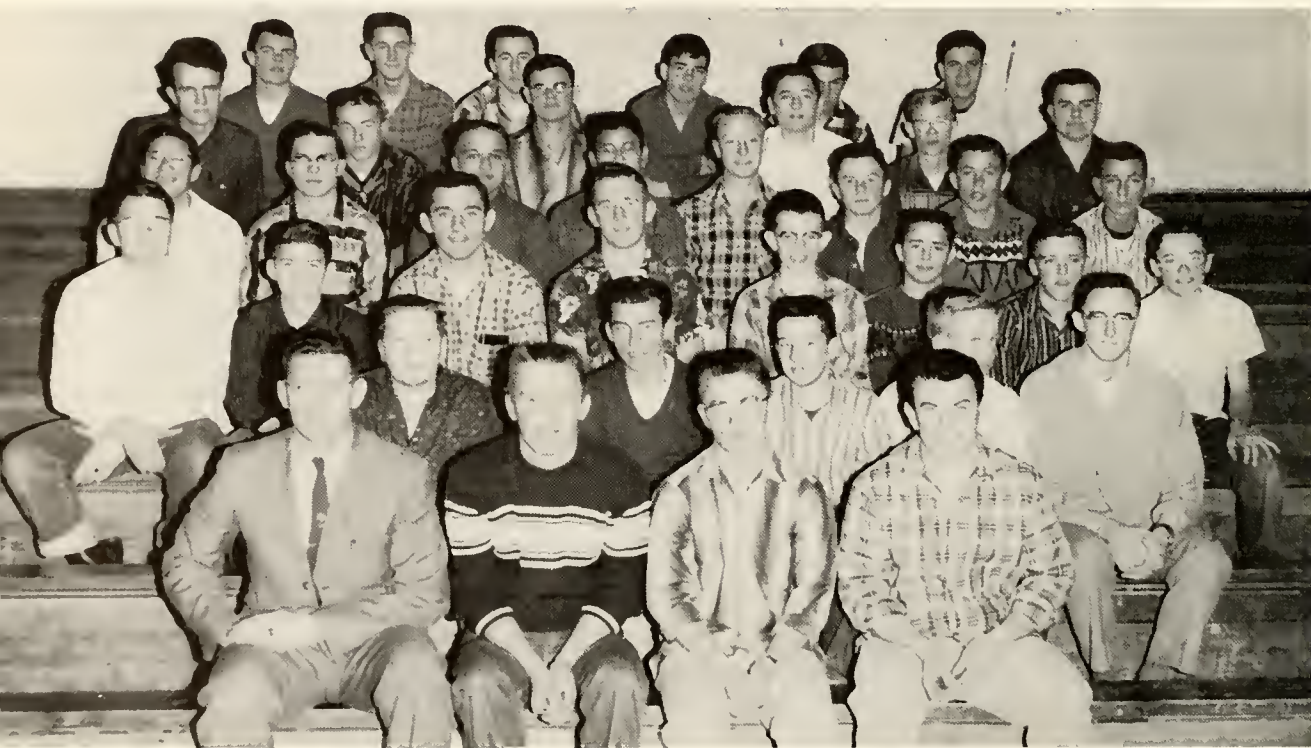
Cheerleaders, left to right: Myrna Bruner, Patty Jo Morris, Jean Snortland, Nona Lauffer.





## *Projectionist Club*

Any member is on call to run the projector for any class. Left to right: Lorraine Ingebrigtsen, Sylvia Johnson, Julie Christiaens, Bob Brophy, Mr. Wadsworth (Advisor), Joe Christiaens, Rita Morris, Peggy Van De Kop, Daryle Swanson, Marie King.



## *Industrial Arts Club*

Left to right: Mr. Kroon (Advisor), Jim Sheble, Jim Christiaens, Larry Christiaens, Kenny Gillette, Lloyd Barron, Jerry Slezak, Scott Holden, Joe Widhalm, George Stoltz, Russell Hall, Frank Wenzel, Daryle Swanson, Jerry Brophy, Laurie Nelson, Tom Shepard, Don Speer, Warren Archdale, Jim Christiaens, Roger Moon, Robert Fourstar, Bill Jannusch, Don Snortland, Jerry Peters, Billy Marcum, Maurice Trafelet, Harlan Den Boer, Wayne Agee, Jesse Kibbee, Lester Graham, Jim Brown, and Billy Miller.





Front row: Wayne Sands, John Hammer, Frank Wenzel, Bob Brophy, Bernard Christiaens, Charles Christiaens. Second row: Roger Moon, Julie Christiaens, Marie King, Judy Leet, Sandra Snortland, Sylvia Johnson, Myrna Bruner, Mr. Wadsworth, Advisor.

## *Science Club*

Sandra Snortland and Frank Wenzel, two active Science Club members, set up the new street signs, which are a very worth while project of the Science Club.



"Put it up straight, kids!"  
Left to right: Bob Brophy, Bill Tidyman,  
Frank Wenzel, and Sandra Snortland.



Top row, left to right: Mr. Lindahl, Bernard Christiaens, Wayne Sand. Third row: Sylvia Johnson, Sandy Snortland, Joyce Vanden Bos. Second row: Carol Miller, Janet Slezak, Ann Kay. Front row: Myrna Bruner, Nona Laufer, Yvonne De Smet.

## *National Honor Society*

This year's seniors will be the first to wear the gold cords of the society at commencement.





# Honor Roll 1957-58



Bernard Christiaens

4



Ann Kay

4



Yvonne DeSmet

4



Janet Slezak

1



Sandra Snortland

2



Myrna Bruner

3



Patty Jo Morris

3



Joyce Vanden Bos

2



Wayne Sand

4



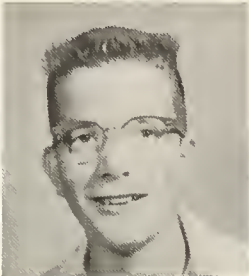
Sylvia Johnson

3



Carol Miller

4



Bob Brophy

4



Becky Billips

3



Eva Trafelet

1



Rita Widhalm

4



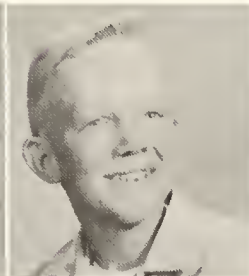
Theresa Widhalm

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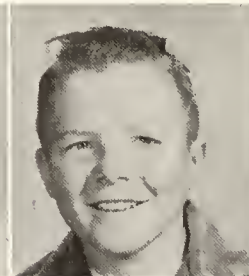
Permillia Karlsgodt

4



Scott Holden

1



Don Snortland

1



Laurie Nelson

2



Sharon Mandell

2



Iva Orr

4



Don Speer

1



Judy Leet

4

\*\*\* The number indicates how many times they have appeared on the First Semester Honor Roll

# *The Fighting Purple and Gold*



Back row: Coach Robertson, Bill Tidyman, Wayne Sands, Daryle Swanson, Dean Gillette, Wayne Agee, Frank Wenzel, Jim Sheble, Phil Miller, Jesse Kibbee, Clarence Johnson, Jerry Haynes, Bob Gillette, Assistant Coach Don Crumpacker. Second row: Keith Gillette, George Stoltz, Kenny Gillette, Bob Brophy, Laurie Nelson, Ed Monroe, Larry Christiaens, Jerry Peters, Lloyd Wentworth, Jack Urness, Ron Jones, Larry Stoltz, Mickey Stephens. Front row: Tom Shepard, Scott Holden, Joe Christiaens, Jim Christiaens, Don Snortland.

V. H. S. turned out thirty men for football this year under Coaches Robertson and Crumpacker, more than any other year. Although the team was young and inexperienced, they fought hard all the way to the end. The team had nine freshmen on the squad which holds promise for next year.

The team was heavy, the line weighing over a half a ton. The last two games were the only ones that were lost by more than one touchdown. Loss of these by greater scores were caused by illness and injuries which did not heal in time to play.

Valier 39	Sunburst 0	Valier 33	Browning 6
Valier 7	Harlem 20	Valier 7	Choteau 41
Valier 0	Fairfield 7	Valier 14	Cut Bank 30
Valier 14	Conrad 18		





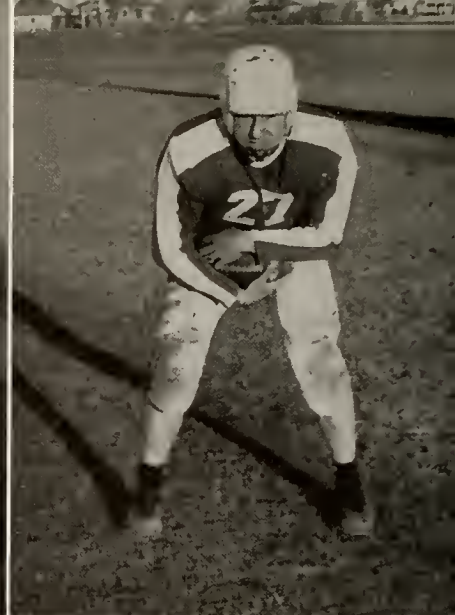
### BACKFIELD

Left to right: Daryle Swanson, Frank Wenzel, Bob Gillette, Joe Christiaens, Jess Kibbee.



### LINE

Left to right: Jim Sheble, Dean Gillette, Larry Christiaens, Joe Christiaens, Clarence Johnson, Jerry Haynes, Bill Tidyman.



**Top row:**

**BILL TIDYMAN,**  
End, Senior

**BOB GILLETTE,**  
Back, Sophomore

**JESS KIBBEE,**  
Back, Senior

**Center:**

**JIM SHEBLE,**  
Co-Captain, Senior,  
All-Conference End



**Bottom row:**

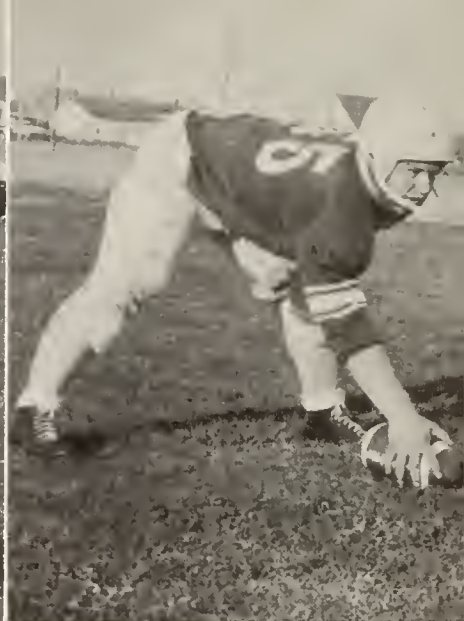
**DEAN GILLETTE,**  
Tackle, Sophomore

**LARRY CHRISTIAENS,**  
Sophomore,  
All-Conference Guard

**JERRY HAYNES,**  
Tackle, Senior







Top row:

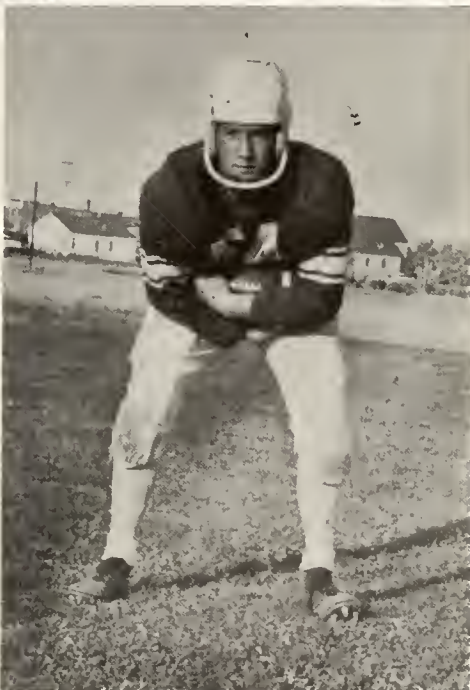
WAYNE AGEE,  
End, Senior

CLARENCE JOHNSON,  
Guard, Senior

JOE CHRISTIAENS,  
Center, Sophomore

Center:

DARYLE SWANSON,  
Back, Junior  
Co-Captain



Bottom row:

FRANK WENZEL,  
Junior  
All-Conference Back

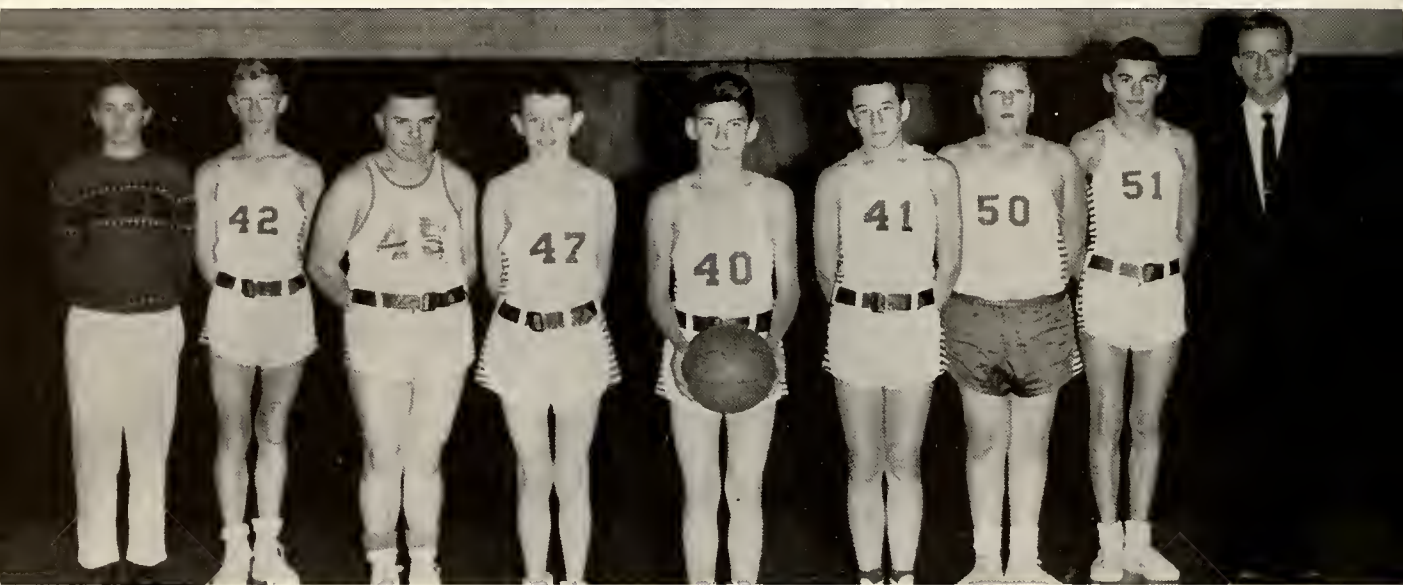
LLOYD WENTWORTH,  
Back, Junior

PHIL MILLER,  
End, Senior





Back row: Manager Jr. Kuka, Jesse Kibbee, Phil Miller, Dean Gillette, Frank Wenzel, Clarence Johnson, Bob Gillette, Coach Don Crumpacker. Front row: Larry Christiaens, Jack Urness, Daryle Swanson, Bill Tidymann, Lloyd Wentworth, Bob Fourstar, Manager Bill Miller.



Manager Laurie Nelson, Allen Jannusch, Ed Monroe, Jerry Brophy, Russell Hall, Jerry Slezak, Kenny Gillette, Ron Jones, Coach Robertson.



Coach Norman Robertson, Jim Christiaens, Joe Christiaens, Joe Widhalm, Keith Gillette, Wayne Sands, George Stoltz, Bill Jannusch, Bill Marcum, Scott Holden.





BOB FOURSTAR  
Guard



BILL TIDYMAN  
Guard



DARYLE SWANSON  
Forward



LARRY CHRISTIAENS  
Guard



JACK URNESS  
Forward



LLOYD WENTWORTH  
Guard



BOB GILLETTE  
Forward



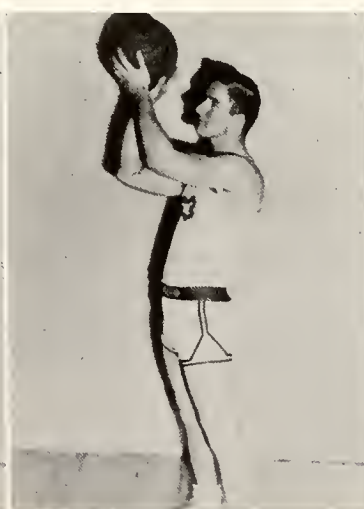
CLARENCE JOHNSON  
Forward



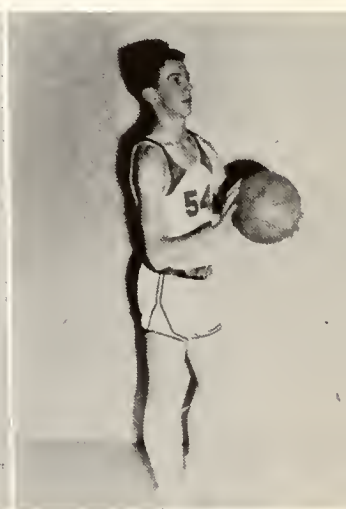
JACK STOKES  
Guard



JESSE KIBBEE  
Forward



FRANK WENZEL  
Center



PHIL MILLER  
Center



Front row, left to right: Janice Stoltz, Peggy VanDe Kop, Yvonne DeSmet, Julie Christiaens, Permillia Karlsgodt. Back row: Nora Joy Osterman, Becky Billips, Rita Morris, Queen Eva Trafelet, Mary Wheeler, Patti Bills.

Queen Eva of the Harvest Festival



Clarence Johnson crowns Queen Eva Trafelet. Julie Christiaens, Patti Bills, Nora Osterman, Mary Wheeler, Sylvia Johnson.



Patti Bills, Julie Christiaens, Sylvia Johnson, Becky Billips, Eva Trafelet, Janice Stoltz.

President of VHS crowns Queen Eva

Arrival of the Queen's Escorts

# Harvest Festival





Jess Kibbee congratulates Prom Queen Anna Lee Sheble while Sandra Snortland and Jackie Taylor watch.



Sandra Snortland, Clarence Johnson lead the annual Sno Ball grand march.

## *Parties and Dances*

## *Peanuts for Polio*

The crowning of the peanuts for polio king and queen, Ann Kay and Jimmy Sheble, was done by R. nny Lindseth and Sandra Snortland.



Anna Lee Sheble crowns the 1957 peanuts for polio queen, Yvonne DeSmet.





# 1957 Junior Class Play

"STRICTLY FORMAL"

By William Davidson

## CAST

Jane - - - - -	ANN KAY
Sally - - - - -	SANDY SNORTLAND
Agnes - - - - -	JANET SLEZAK
Andrew - - - - -	RONNY LINDSETH
Nettie - - - - -	MARY WHEELER
Ahern - - - - -	TONY WIDHALM
Jim - - - - -	BILL TIDYMAN
Rose - - - - -	YVONNE De SMET

Mrs. Tilton - - - - -	NORA OSTERMAN
Josie - - - - -	SANDRA HABETS
Elroy - - - - -	PHIL MILLER
George - - - - -	CLARENCE JOHNSON
Marcia - - - - -	CAROL SCHNEIDER
Marilyn - - - - -	NONA LAUFFER
Cindy - - - - -	JACKIE TAYLOR
Bob - - - - -	BERNARD CHRISTIAENS

Directed by

MRS. HAWKIN KARLSGODT and MRS. ORA LOHSE







Phil Miller, Sandy Snortland, Jackie Taylor, Ann Kay

SENIORS PRESENT  
 "ONIONS IN THE STEW"  
 By Betty MacDonald

CAST

Joan - - - - - JACKIE TAYLOR  
 Ann - - - - - ANN KAY  
 Betty - - - - - SANDY SNORTLAND  
 Don - - - - - PHIL MILLER  
 Howard - - - - - BILL TIDYMAN  
 Claire - - - - - JANET SLEZAK  
 Roger - - - - - CLARENCE JOHNSON  
 Claud - - - - - JESSE KIBBEE  
 Harry - - - - - BERNARD CHRISTIAENS  
 New Motor Marvin - - - - - RONNY LINDSETH  
 Lyda - - - - - CAROL MILLER (SR.)  
 Jim - - - - - JIM SHEBLE  
 Dotty - - - - - GAIL WENTHWORTH

Joey - - - - - GARY GILLETTE  
 Bee Gee - - - - - JACKIE HEIMBIGNER  
 Salsie - - - - - YVONNE De SMET  
 Kitsie - - - - - SANDRA HABETS  
 Lesley - - - - - MARY WHEELER  
 Margo - - - - - NORA JOY OSTERMAN  
 Phil - - - - - BOB GILLETTE  
 Delia - - - - - CAROL MILLER (SOPH.)  
 Mr. Curtis - - - - - TONY WIDHALM  
 Mrs. Curtis - - - - - CLAIRCE SWANSON  
 Miss Garvey - - - - - CAROL MILLER (SR.)  
 Radio Announcer - - - - - JIM SHEBLE

Directed by  
 MRS. HAWKIN KARLSGODT and MRS. ORA LOHSE

Sandra Habets, Ann Kay, Jackie Heimbigner,  
 Yvonne De Smet, Jackie Taylor, Sandy Snortland.

Mrs. Lohse and Mrs. Karlsgodt.





Reporters with pencils ready for any action

First row: Mrs. Tidyman, Karen Speer, Thersea Widhalm, Rita Widhalm, Carol Miller, Clarice Swanson, Jean Snortland, Ann Kay, Bonnie Jo Robbins, Sharon Mandell, Permillia Karlsgodt. Second row: Phil Miller, Bob Gillette, Myrna Bruner, Joyce VandenBos, Peggy VanDeKop, Marie King, Donna Wenzel, Carol Miller, Julie Christiaens, Patsy Brophy. Third row: Warren Archdale, Charles Christiaens, Frank Wenzel, Arla Krattiger, Lorraine Ingebrigtson, Ellen Nivens, Rita Holm, Judy Leet. Fourth row: John Hammer, Lloyd Wentworth, Jack Urness, Daryle Swanson, Bob Brophy, Wayne Sands, Larry Stoltz. Fifth row: Bill Jannusch, Harlan Den Boer, Rodney Guy, Bob Fourstar, Ronny Lindseth, Junior Kuka. Sixth row: Bill Tidyman, Jerry Haynes, Kenneth Gillette, Tony Widhalm. Top row: Jesse Kibbee, Clarence Johnson, Bernard Christiaens.

The "Panther" rated superior in 1957, and the students are now striving for all-state in 1958.

Immediately Off the Press

Left to right: Sandra Habets,  
Daryle Swanson, Roger Moon.



Click, Click, Click, Space, Click

Left to right: Mary Wheeler, Nora  
Joy Osterman, Jackie Heimbigner.







# Who's Who



Northern Lights Editors  
Co-Editor - BERNARD CHRISTIAENS  
Editor - JANET SLEZAK

Girls' State  
YVONNE De SMET JANET SLEZAK



American Legion Essay Winner  
ANN CAMILLE KAY



VERN MONROE  
East West Shrine Game



Betty Crocker Award  
JANET SLEZAK



Panther Editor  
JACQUELINE TAYLOR

Boys' State  
BERNARD CHRISTIAENS



# *Spring Awards*



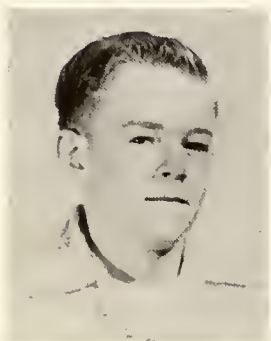
JOYCE VAN DEN BOS  
Heisey Award



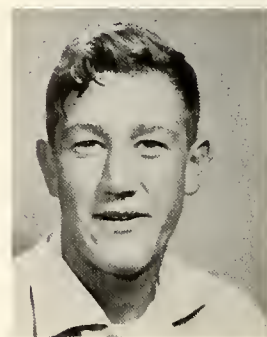
IVAN DOIG  
National Merit  
Scholarship  
Northwestern University  
School of Journalism



SYLVIA JOHNSON  
Heisey Award



BILL RAPPOLD  
Heisey Award



WAYNE AGEE  
Heisey Award



DENIS BONNET  
Alternate Class B  
School Scholarship



NONA LAUFFER  
Heisey Award



ANTOINETTE WIDHALM  
Heisey Award



# Commencement 1957



Back row: Dewey Swank, Ernest Lauffer, Ivan Doig, Denis Bonnet, Sam Stokes, Fay Stokes, Bill Rappold, Glenn Collins, Wayne Arnst, Vern Monroe. Front row: Arleen Jacobson, Janice Christiaens, Antoinette Widhalm, Barbara Bowman, Lucille Brophy, Ann Lee Sheble, Sandra Lightner, Betty Brown, Nona Beaudry, Patti Palin.



IVAN DOIG  
Salutatorian  
American Legion  
Award



ANTOINETTE WIDHALM  
Salutatorian

# *Last Will and Testament*

We, the Class of '58, being of sound (?) mind and not so sound body due to the untold hardships we have suffered in the past four years, leave our meager possessions to the underclassmen of V. H. S.

- I, Wayne Agee, give my hot-rod pickup with the double spotlight hook-up to Frankie Wenzel, hoping he will have as much fun rabbit hunting as I have had.
- I, Bernard Christiaens, bequeath my ability to get around the teachers to Tommy Shephard, knowing he will need it if he ever wants to make it through.
- I, Yvonne DeSmet, will my ability to cause a storm to Donna Wenzel.
- I, Bob Fourstar, leave my shyness and pleasant disposition to John Elings, who needs them more than I do.
- I, Sandra Habets, give my chair in bookkeeping to anyone who is brave enough to take it and stay in it for a whole year.
- I, Jerry Haynes, leave for Conrad as soon as I can get away.
- I, Jackie Heimbigner, leave my nickname of "floor boards" to Sylvia Johnson.
- I, Bill Jannusch, bequeath all the times my last name has been misspelled to my little brother, Allen.
- I, Clarence Johnson, leave with Sandy in hot pursuit.
- I, Ann Kay, leave my high grades and good record to the underclassmen.
- I, Jesse Kibbee, leave still looking for the belt I lost at the beginning of the year.
- I, Nona Lauffer, leave the school in better condition than when I came here as a Freshman.
- I, Ronny Lindseth, venture out to seek the higher things in life.
- I, Carol Miller, bequeath a package of gum to Arla Krattiger.
- I, Phil Miller, will my muscle-building set to Larry Stoltz.
- I, Nora Joy Osterman, depart in search of a black convertible.
- I, Jim Sheble, will my platform shoes to Mickey Stephens, as I have outgrown them.
- I, Janet Slezak, leave, but I don't know how I am going to stand being away.
- I, Sandy Snortland, bequeath my ability to stay after school for no reason but talking to Pattie Bills.
- I, Jackie Taylor, leave my better half here for another year to reap the benefits of V. H. S., but I'll be back for him, never fear.
- I, Bill Tidyman, depart saying, "High school days were mighty nice, but they can't compare with high school nights."
- I, Maurice Trafelet, leave wondering if it was worth the time.
- I, Mary Wheeler, leave to see if I can't get a job on the "Wild Bill McWilliams" program.
- I, Tony Widhalm, will my ability to throw my weight around with Frankie to anyone else who gets picked on.

To the Juniors we leave thanks to you for the wonderful times we have had together hoping you have as much fun next year.

To the Sophomores we leave our worldly manners.

To you, the Freshmen, we leave the hope that it won't be long till you are seniors, so make hay while the sun shines.

This last will and testament signed and sealed in the year of our Lord 1958 by the Class of 1958.



May 29, 1978

Dear Daryle,

Just thought I'd drop you a line and tell you that I'll be home the day after tomorrow. I have had such a wonderful time and seen so many of our old friends I thought I'd tell you all about them and what they have been doing for the past twenty years.

Do you remember Maurice Trafelet? He has opened a beauty salon in Hollywood and is doing very well. They say he has beautiful women flocking to him. Maybe he'll marry now.

Phil Miller is here. Remember how interested he used to be in flying, especially during English? Well, he is now the head of the Boeing Aircraft. You should have seen Jackie Heimbigner. Honestly, dear, her furs and jewels nearly made me turn green with envy. Phil and Jackie were married about fifteen years ago and have lovely children.

I was so glad to see Clarence and Sandy Johnson here. They are so happy with their small family. They brought their four girls along, but left their seven boys at home with the maid. Clarence was promoted. He is now the president of Yale. Sandy is teaching home Ec in the high school. She says she would go mad if she had to stay home all day, and I can see why!

Mary Wheeler McWilliams was there, but Bill was unable to come because of some troubles about the rights on his television programs. We had a fine time talking about when we were roommates.

I understand Sandra and Ronny Lindseth have been having some trouble concerning Missouri, but they appear to have it all settled now. Incidentally, Ronny is in the car business. He custom-builds hot rods and has made a mint of money.

Bernard Christiaens is doing quite well. He is the voice coach for Billy Tidyman, and they travel all over the world together. It really is a shame we couldn't see them when Bill was singing at Carnegie Hall.

Yvonne DeSmet and Jim Sheble finally got married. Jim owns the old Seven Block Ranch and half of Montana and Texas besides; so I don't think they will have any financial problems.

Remember Nona Lauffer? Well, she is now a lady hermit up at Swift Dam, where she is watching her little rocks grow. She always did believe rocks grew.

Bob Fourstar and Jerry Haynes have gone into partnership and now have the biggest shipping line in the world.

Nora Joy Osterman is a model in New York. She really is quite sleek and sophisticated.

Jesse Kibbee just successfully ran for president of South America. They say he has his own harem, but I find that hard to believe.

A marvelous discovery of uranium was made by Wayne Agee on one of his pack trips, and he now owns the controlling stock in General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler corporations.

Janet Slezak is the head of Vassar. She has obtained every degree possible. I heard that the moment she hears of something new she immediately sets out to obtain a degree in it.

Tony Widhalm finally drove Jerry Lewis out of business. I always did think Tony was much funnier.

Carol Miller is on her fourteenth trip around the world. She was left a good bit of money by her last husband. She certainly has had bad luck with husbands. I believe this is the twelfth one. Maybe the next one will have a better chance. Thirteen always was an unlucky number.

Billy Jannusch retired last week on the money he received for being the first man in outer space. He has both feet on the ground now.

Remember when Ann Kay was Peanut Queen? She just bought the state of Georgia as a peanut plantation in order to furnish the polio fund an endless supply of peanuts.

Keep the white House warm and don't forget to tuck the children in. Now that I've seen what all the others are doing, don't you think you could find something more exciting than being President of the United States?

Your loving wife,  
Jackie

Class Color - Silver and Lavender  
Class Flower - Lilacs

# Flashes From the Past



Our Hero!



Oh, for the life of a teacher!



This is school?



Dig those crazy outfits!



Set 'em up for VHS !!  
Annual Skits



Sandy sports her Ivy costume





Phil Miller



Nora Joy Osterman



Sandra Snortland



Bill Tidyman



Jesse Kibbee



Yvonne DeSmet



Nona Laufer



Jim Sheble



Tony Widhalm



Mary Wheeler



Sandra Habets



Janet Slezak



Left to right: Mary Wheeler Sandra Habets, Sandy Snortland

# *Catholic Youth Organization*



First row: Bernard Christiaens, Joe Christiaens, Charles Christiaens, Larry Stoltz, Joe Widhalm, Roger Moon, Eddie Monroe, Jerry Brophy, Allen Jannusch, Mike Stephen. Second row: Charlotte Widhalm, Delores Jacobson, Patsy Brophy, Bonnie Jo Robbins, Rita Widhalm, Alice Monroe, Mona Norsby, Agnes Monroe, Sandra Habets, Helen Habets, Donna Wenzel, Gloria Moon, Yvonne De Smet, Julie Christiaens. Third row: Theresa Widhalm, Ronnie Jones, Jim Christiaens, Larry Christiaens, Linda Norsby, Rita Holm, Phil Miller, Billy Jannusch, Father Miron, Tony Widhalm, Bob Brophy, Janice Stoltz, Carol Miller.



Rev. Father Harry Miron, Pastor

The CYO has been having panel discussions on such problems as juvenile delinquency. The attendance has been better this year than ever before.



## *Baptist Youth Fellowship*



Front row: Lloyd Barron, Jack Stokes, Kenny Brown, David Slezak, Jim Brown. Second row: Jerry Slezak, Bill Miller, Iva Orr, Anita Barron, Carol Miller. Third row: Douglas Reeder, Rev. Paul Reeder, Mrs. Reeder. The newly reorganized BYF is studying missions in the United States.

## *Methodist Youth Fellowship*



Front row: Myrna Bruner, Patti Bills, Marie King, Rita Morris, Jim Sheble, Mary Wheeler. Second row: Joyce VandenBos, Daryle Swanson, Jackie Taylor, Jean Snortland, Jesse Kibbee, Kenny Gillette, Patty Jo Morris. Third row: Jerry Peters, Bob Gillette, Rev. Wilmer Kennedy, Keith Gillette, Russell Hall, Harry VandenBos.

# *Luther League*



Front row: Arla Krattiger, Permilla Karlsgodt, Peggy Van De Kop, Clarice Swanson, Sylvia Johnson, Jack Urness, Dean Gillette. Second row: Roger Harwood, Marcia Johnson, Byran Ihnen, Marcia Ihnen, LaLonie Ingebrigtson, Linda Erickson, Janice Torske, Patsy Van De Kop, Phyllis Ingebrigtson, Terry Ihnen, Linda Hartsell, and Billy Norsby.



Pastor Albert Bjerkestrand







## *The Seven Block*

BY BERNARD CHRISTIAENS

It was a big open country, you could ride from the present location of Conrad to Fort Benton and never see a fence.

The Seven Block Ranch, owned by W. G. Conrad and his brother Charles of Kalispell, included 200,000 acres. The Conrads took up eleven sections of land in 1886 leaving it idle until 1889. Then, hearing about this wonderful cattle country from Joe Kipp of the Old Agency, and desiring to leave Fort Benton, they began to amass the land which would eventually make up their immense acreage.

The land which the Conrads acquired was obtained in various ways. Some of the land was rented from the State Land Board. Between 30,000 and 40,000 acres was deeded land which they later purchased. This deeded land included the Evan Jones, the Dry Fork, the Bill Jones, the Miller, and Steele ranches. Another method of obtaining land was by homesteading. Young men who came to work for the Seven Block were promised a year of work and filed for homesteads, which had been carefully chosen by the ranch surveyor near the springs, water holes and along creeks. Because water was of supreme importance, whoever controlled the water controlled the land. Another means of acquisition was by the Desert Act, which offered 640 acres of land at twenty-five cents an acre to anyone who would irrigate it within three years.

Although they owned all they could buy, proved up on sheepherders' and cowboys' claims, irrigated for desert claims, and rented all that could be rented, there was still much that did not belong to them nor could they get control of it legally. Since they controlled practically all of the water and fenced it away from other cattlemen, they were the only ones who could use the land. Finally a fence was built, which according to their claim, stood on land which they owned or rented. This fence started about four miles east of Dupuyer and extended east to about where the city of Conrad is located, north and across the Marias River, which it followed up stream to near the Ryan ranch and south to the point of beginning. The first foreman of the ranch, where 25,000 sheep were raised, was Tom Curry. In 1903 the sheep were sold to a Mormon outfit for one dollar a head. Then under the direction of Tom Chamberlin, Hereford cattle from Texas were shipped in.

The Old Home Ranch was the headquarters for the crew of nine cowpunchers. The buildings were good and the food excellent. Often W. G. Conrad visited the ranch. A hail fellow well met, a U. S. Senator, he is remembered with affection and pride by all his ranch hands. Also here, were good bunkhouses and a commissary where the cowboys could purchase gloves, jackets, shirts, and overalls.



The cooking was generally done by men. Always available was excellent beef, dried fruit, and canned goods; however, in spite of the fact that thousands of cattle were raised, canned milk and oleomargarine were most generally used.

The Seven Block men were not hunters and did not take advantage of any of the bountiful game with which the ranch abounded-antelope, prairie chicken, geese, ducks, and curlews.

A constant menace, the kit fox, often gnawed saddles, boots and other possessions which contained grease.

Abandoning the wasteful practices of cattlemen, they tried to avoid losses in every possible way. Hay was cut in great quantities, and they fed some during the winter. In August 2500 calves were cut out and sent to the Putter ranch at Willow Rounds on the Marias, where they were fed and kept for a year.

If when making the rounds, a cowpuncher noticed an animal not doing well, he cut it out and took it to a hospital herd where it was fed and given extra care. A sharp lookout had to be kept over the swampy ground in the Bullhead, as the cattle were often found bogged down.

While the main headquarters were maintained at the Home Ranch, there were several line camps set out over the ranch.

A ten thousand dollar cement dipping vat was built for dipping cattle at the Hughes Ranch. Because vaccination was not very widely used, a close lookout for disease was kept by the cowpunchers. Most of the cattle were strong, but they lost some, mostly from black leg.

In summer the cattle stayed close to the creeks and water holes, but as the weather grew colder they gradually spread further from water. Great quantities of hay was cut in the Big Meadow, 20,000 acres, where Lake Francis is now located. This meadow, extending also to the west and north, originally had three lakes and was the first land irrigated by the Conrads by a canal system built from Dupuyer Creek. Under their surveyor, M. S. Darling, they also built a canal from Birch Creek to supplement their water supply. Traces of these early canals can still be seen today. Nearby a shed shelter 150 feet by 180 feet was erected.





All of the cowpunchers were the best of hands and were always having roping contests with neighboring ranches. On Bullhead Creek in 1909 a roping contest was held between the Seven Block and Big F outfits. The Seven Block was represented by Harry Rideout and an Irishman by the name of Connolly. Louis Morgan and a man by the name of McKay roped for the F outfit. The Seven Block won - 186 calves in an hour. This roping is never seen nowadays. Without the help of the Rasslers, however, this wouldn't have been possible.

During the winter of 1907, snow lay about two feet deep over most of the land and on top a crust formed strong enough to hold a horse. Although plenty of hay was ready, it was impossible to move. That year losses were great all over, and on the reservation 9,000 were skinned.

Once sixteen hundred cattle strayed across the line into Canada and were left there for two or three years, for at the annual roundup the ranch hands did not always cross the line. On one roundup with the D-K ranch, they brought back the Seven Block animals from Canada.

The animals were in excellent condition and although they had to be driven to Cut Bank for loading and arrived a worn-out lot, when they reached Chicago, they topped the market. They were so fat and well-filled that a bushel of corn could be poured on their backs and not a kernel would roll off.

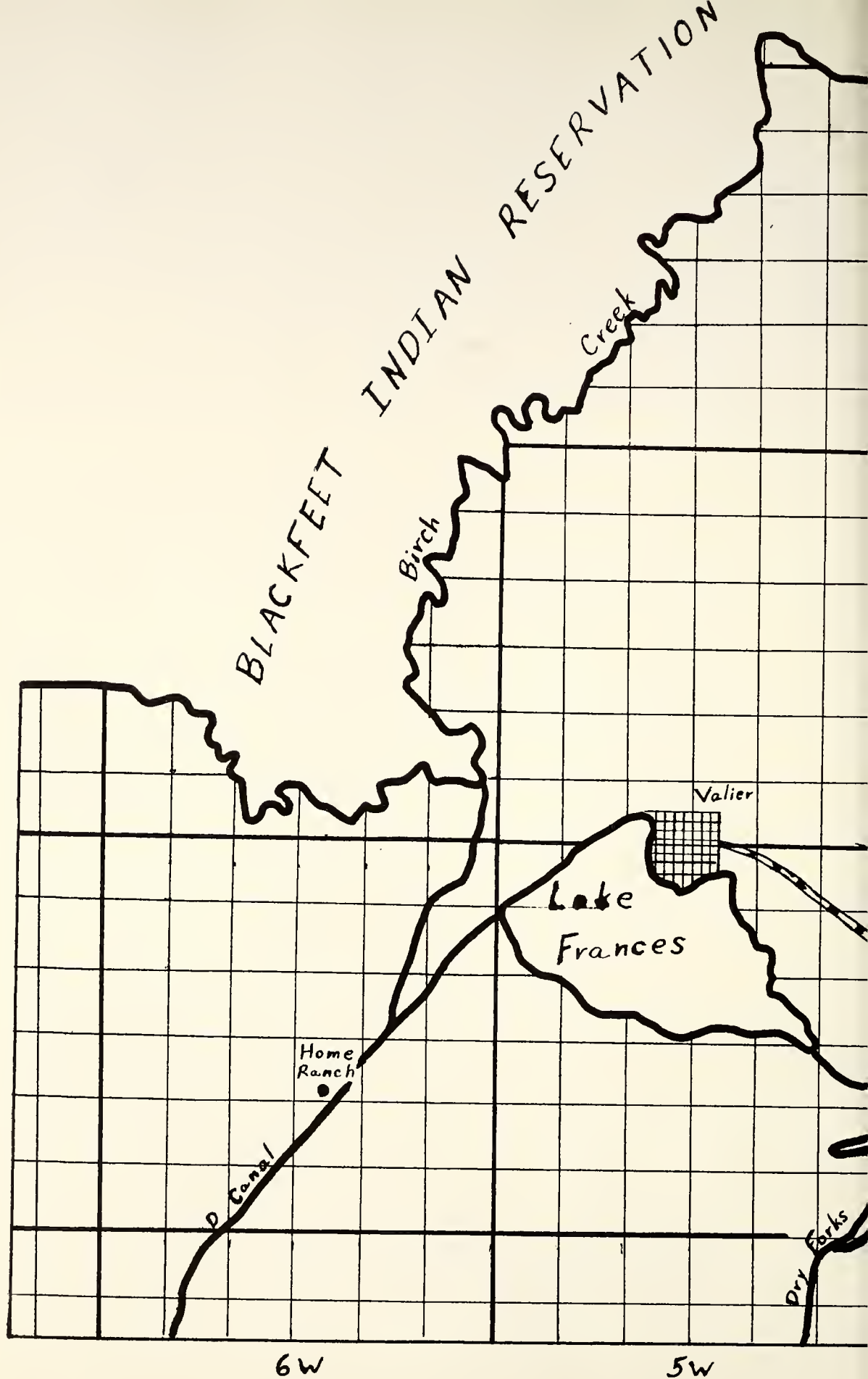
At this time ranchers did not sell by the head, but by the train load. Prices varied, but the average price was \$35 for a good cow. At one time before cattle could be shipped they had to be treated with Beaumont oil. A camp wagon was converted into a spraying shower bath, which the cattle were driven through. The cattle would come running out wildly with tongues hanging. The cows would refuse to take their calves, and wherever the oil dripped on the ground the grass was killed. This operation was carried on where the Miami Hutterite Colony is now located.

Many familiar faces were found on the list of men who worked on the Seven Block - Bill Derek, Harry Rideout, Pete Tavott, Chic Grimsly, Chris Ostren, Jake De Hart, Tom and Joe McKay, Harry Chambers, Carl Sparks, Curley Boucher, O. K. Speer, John Sullivan, Earl Minkler, Obe Harrison, Joe, Nick, and Tom Connolly, and Earl Aiken, the last foreman.

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30N

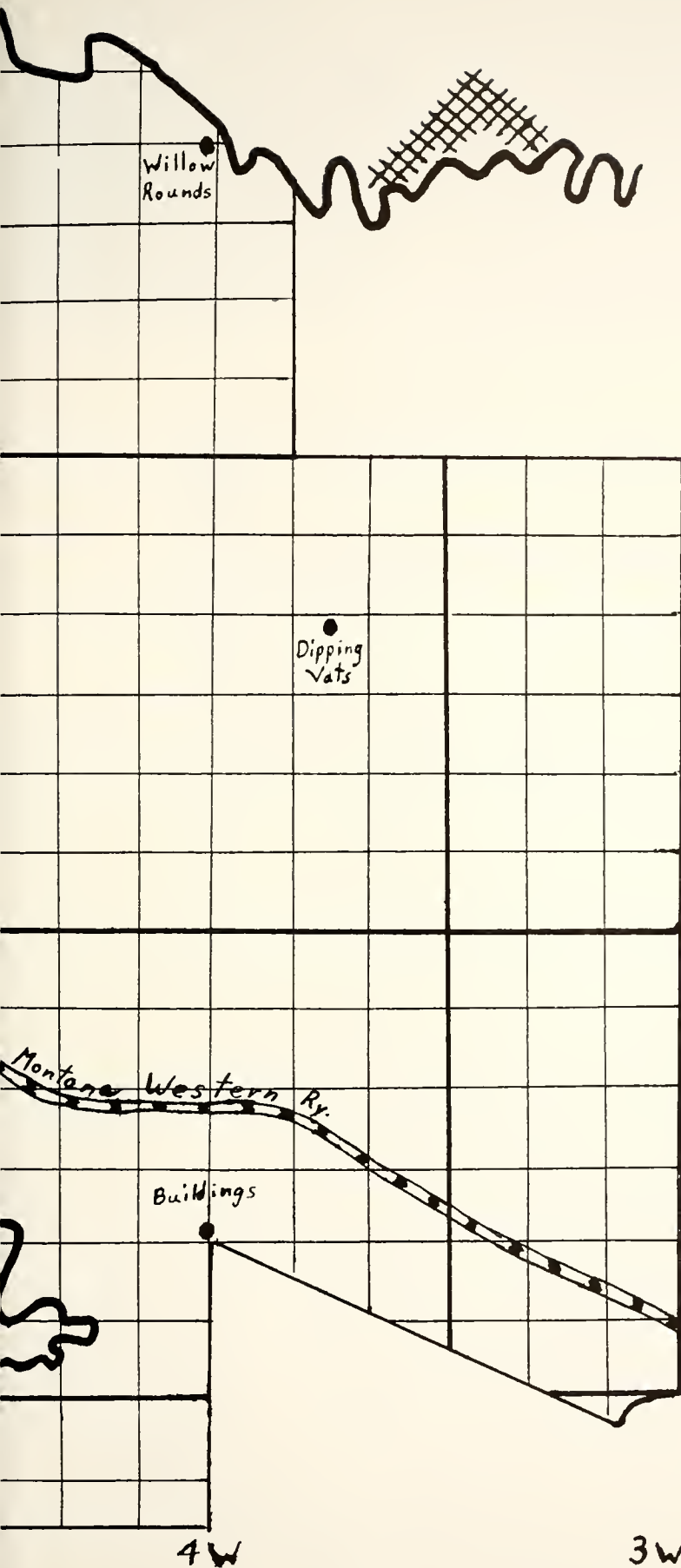
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6W

5W





- Creek and Canals
- Railroad
- Land owned outside 70 fence

70 land enclosed in fence

Scale: 1 inch - 2 miles



Map by  
C.M. Johnson



One hundred and twenty-five head of saddle horses and 150 head of work horses were kept on the ranch.

One of the various projects carried on was the fencing of four sections of land with a fence built of eight-foot posts with eight wires for a buffalo pasture. Charles Conrad had been raising buffalo around Kalispell and intended to move part of his herd to this ranch.

The huge creatures were hard to handle and were likely to charge and kill any horse in their way. At about this time Mr. Charles Conrad died and the project was abandoned, (Many parts of this fence can still be seen in the Bullhead.)

In 1909 the Cargills from La Crosse, Wisconsin, purchased the Seven Block together with livestock for a reputed million dollars. Earl Aiken, in charge of the last roundup, shipped 9,000 head of cattle and sold the stragglers and brand to Morgan of Browning.

Application to the State of Montana to construct an irrigation project under the Carey Act was requested by the Cargills. This complete area has been divided into smaller units of irrigated and dry land farmed by the heads of some 500 families.

The W. G. Conrad home in Helena was later sold by Harfield Conrad to the state of Montana and is presently the governor's mansion.

The present main canal system project parallels the old Conrad system outlined by M. S. Darling, whose vision of irrigation has been carried out to its present form.

This information has been gathered from Earl Aiken, farming near Williams; Mr. John L. Sullivan, Great Falls; from M. S. Darling in June 1929, from Eugene Leech in June 1929, and from J. A. Tidyman, engineer of Pondera Canal and Reservoir Co., which operates the present irrigation project.







THE LIGHTHOUSE

The Lighthouse under the management of Al Boeck is a popular after-game snack place.

Engineer Bill Wentworth makes the round-trip to Conrad and back every day but Sunday in the new Diesel engine.

MONTANA  
WESTERN  
RAILWAY







## MINT BAR

Ted Orr serves tall tales along with drinks at the Mint Bar.

## STEVE'S TEXACO

For Texaco Skychief gasoline stop at Steve VanDeKop's Texaco Station.



Ora Lohse, owner and operator of Lohse Flying Service, is invaluable to area farmers for his crop-dusting and spraying.





For large dinners and small lunches, Pete's Cafe can be depended upon for clean, fast service.

Sam Stokes ('57) at Dan's Husky Service fills your car with Husky Hi-Power gasoline.



The Capitol Theater owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Geiger, runs films twice weekly. Special student rates are offered.



The elevator carpenters are enjoying a piping hot meal at FRENCHY'S owned by Tuffy and Esther Bonnet.





VALIER LUMBER  
CO.



K. P. Munyon in business since 1935, is shown above unloading a truck of lumber with his new Hyster.



VALIER  
IMPLEMENT CO.

Jake Arnst, Art Erickson, and Indor Nelson ('24) are at your service for International implements, parts and overhauls at the Valier Implement.



Left to right: Mr. N. S. Swanson, Mrs. Ruth Hartsell ('39), and Kathleen Pauli ('56). The Valier Farmers and Stockmans Bank has been serving Valier and the surrounding area since October 1946 and has \$100,000 of capital and surplus.

#### WENTWORTH'S



Dorthy Wentworth ('51), owner of Wentworth's, sells Jantzen and Pendleton clothing.

Greetings to Valier  
High School students  
from Mr. and Mrs. Ed  
Smith.

Of "SMITH ELECTRIC,"  
who recently moved to  
Dutton, Montana.





Another satisfied customer, George Henneman, leaves Lloyd's - the style center for all V.H.S. men and boys.

#### LLOYD'S MEN AND BOYS

#### BRIDEN CHEVROLET



Clayton Briden ('52) and Tom Briden ('49) display the sleek classy lines of the new hard-top Chevrolet.



### DE VOE'S BUILDERS

Mr. and Mrs. Swank are always available to fill your hardware, appliance, and lumber needs.



### VALIER DRUG

Elmer Hotvedt at the Valier Drug gives the people of Valier accurate prescription service.





Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Urness along with Mrs. Lee Hale display their fine chrome dinette sets to Clarence Connelley. Gambles offer Valier friendly, courteous service.



Vernon Urness receives help in clearing the snow-packed walk in front of his store.

FARMERS UNION  
OIL CO.



Ready to supply your demands in their brand new supply store are from left to right: Roy Dean Parker, Pat Peterson, manager, and Dave Hill.



HAMMER PLUMBING

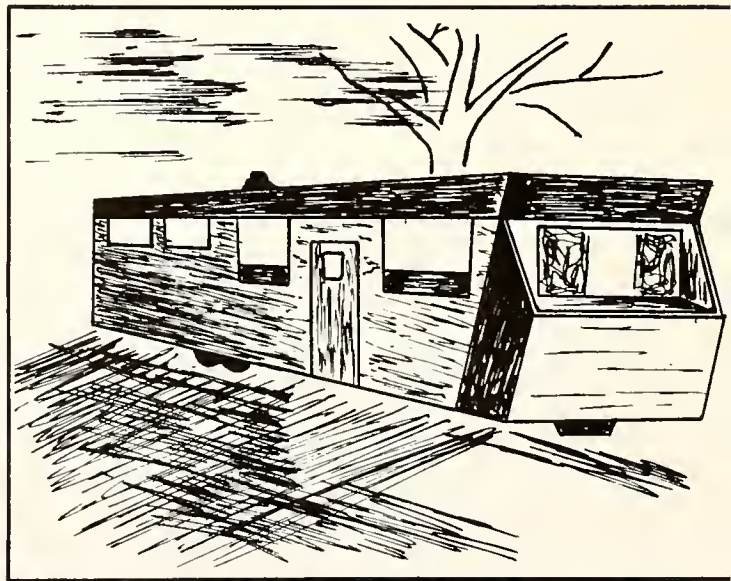
Ernie ('29) and Andy Hammer ('36) are ready to assist in your plumbing and heating needs.





Coca-Cola Jim makes a regular stop at Valier High School, bringing pop for many school affairs.

Buy a home on wheels from the Hi-Way Trailer Sales and see the world. Mr. Charles Donovan, owner, has been in business since 1956.



Mr. Wesley Schneider of Wesley's Station is shown standing by the new Case '900'.

## VALIER CLEANERS



Mrs. Billie Geiger takes in an overcoat of Mrs. Tidyman's to be cleaned at the dependable Valier Cleaners.

Gary ('57) and Mayor Jim Fitzpatrick can fix your car up to look like new. Whether it is a paint job, a dented fender, complete overhaul or just a check up, bring it to the Fitz Repair Shop.



## FITZ REPAIR SHOP



COMPLIMENTS

OF

*Allan H. Hurd*

ACCOUNTANT

Conrad and Valier

COMPLIMENTS

OF

*Charles Jacobson*

ACCOUNTANT

## THE FORD GARAGE



Proved and approved around the world, the new Ford for '58 is on display at the Ford Garage. Shown above waiting to serve you are Mervin Chausse, manager, and John Martin.







CURRY'S MARKET

Mrs. Gordon Shepard checks groceries for Mrs. M. A. Christiaens while Bill Pauli Sr. passes a bit of conversation with Mr. Christiaens at Curry's friendly store.



DICK'S GROCERY

Always ready to serve with the utmost efficiency at Dick's grocery are: Herb Kuka ('56), Robert ('45) and Dick Kuka ('45), and Betty Habets ('55).



GTA ELEVATOR

The GTA Elevator under the management of Ed Erickson has erected this winter a new grain storage bin with a capacity of 65,000 bushels.

The Cargill Elevator buys and sells grain, cleans seeds, under management of Mr. Jesse Kibbee.



CARGILL  
ELEVATOR





The Greely Elevator under the management of "Bud" Gillette assists the community with capable and reliable service. See your friendly Greely man today.



The Gallatin Valley Milling Elevator with Sam Stokes as manager takes care of a large quantity of our county grain.

We, the Senior Class, wish to express our sincere thanks to the merchants of Valier for their generous support of the annual and all other student activities.





























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